

Amendment A

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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, line 3 with the following replacement paragraph that is marked up to show the changes made:

The polyimide stiffening agent of the present invention may be utilized in combination with any substrate capable of withstanding the conditions of the particular filtering application. In high temperature applications, acceptable polymer substrates include but are not limited to polyarylene sulfides, polyimides, aramids, polyamides, glass and mixtures or blends thereof. A substrate that is particularly well suited for high temperature applications is a blend of polyphenylene sulfide (PPS), which is a subclass polyarylene sulfides, with greater than 10% aramid, polyimide, acrylic, pre-oxidized acrylic or similar polymer, and mixtures thereof. These blends are the subject of co-pending application _____, common assignee of the present invention, incorporated herein by reference.